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Family safe after house fire

by JENN WATT
Editor

Cammy George isn't certain what exactly happened on Feb. 14 when her Miners Bay home burned to the ground. Fire investigators are still looking into the cause of the blaze, but haven't made any determination.

The details of the evening are blurry, George says, but she remembers the smoke detector going off and seeing light. The call went into the fire department around 5 p.m.

She was alone at home with her three dogs – one of which has an auto-immune disorder and is blind.

George was able to get two dogs out of the house, but the third was scared by the sound of the alarm and hid.

"When I went back in to get her at that point the smoke was really starting to come," she says. She stayed close to the floor, remembering hearing that smoke rises and it was best to stay low.

"Usually she hides under my bed, but she wasn't there," George says. She started yelling for the dog and finally she peeked her head out from the family room. "So I was able to grab her and get her out."

At first it seemed firefighters could save the house, but the extreme cold temperatures, which had hit -40°C during the weekend, posed complications.

Minden Hills fire chief Doug Schell told the *Minden Times* last week that the equipment was affected by the temperatures.

The insurance company told George to expect it to take about a year before a new house can be built. In the meantime she and

see FAMILY page 2



Girls compete in regional tournament

The Red Hawks junior power Dakota MacDonald rises to meet a ball for a spike against Port Hope during the Girls' A COSSA Qualifier on Monday, Feb. 22 at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. The Hawks split their match 1-1 (27-25 and 17-25), but lost their last two matches to St. Thomas and Brock. Port Hope and Brock advanced to COSSA./DARREN LUM Staff

AH OPP bill jumps \$240K

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands's OPP bill will increase by nearly \$240,000 in 2016.

Councillors for the township discussed the increase as they sifted through the municipality's budget during a Feb. 18 meeting.

This is the second year of a five-year phase-in of the province's new OPP billing model, which redistributes total OPP costs throughout the province on a per household basis. Because seasonal residences count as households, cottaging communities such as Algonquin Highlands and Haliburton County's other lower-tier townships are seeing their policing bills skyrocket.

Because the cost is out of the townships' control, councils in Haliburton County have been passing the OPP increase directly to taxpayers.

Algonquin Highlands's OPP bill is increasing by more than \$237,000, for a total 2016 bill of \$737,279. The increase is equivalent to a 5.78 per cent increase in the overall tax levy, or more than \$15 per every \$100,000 of residential assessment, which will be passed to residents.

"The fact is that we, as well as other municipalities, have committed to the phase-in that we, at this point, have no control over and we have committed to grow and develop the community over top of it," said Reeve Carol Moffatt. "It's a bit of a scary number. We have no control over that. That's why it's such good news that staff have done such a good job of keeping the rest of it down to a dull roar."

As far as the municipal budget, council had provided staff a target of a maximum 1.5 per cent over last year's levy, but the increase will be one per cent.

In Minden Hills, council is aiming to keep the 2016 tax increase below 10 per cent.

The net result will be a 5.2 per cent increase to the taxpayer.

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Family still figuring out what they need

from page 1

her 26-year-old daughter Ally and their three dogs are looking for a new place to live.

Currently they're staying with her daughter's boyfriend's family in West Guilford.

George's cellphone and computer were destroyed in the fire. She is now using a cellphone and computer from her workplace, SIRCH, but all of her stored contacts are gone.

George says the community has been incredibly supportive, offering plenty of help. But at this point she isn't even sure how people can best assist.

"Everybody wants to know what they can do, how they can help. At this point I have no idea," she says.

"Really, at this point, you don't know what you need, until you go to grab something you

don't have any longer."

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— CAMMY GEORGE

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Not much is left of Cammy George's home near Miners Bay, which burned down on Feb. 14. George was alone in the house with her three dogs when the smoke alarm started going off. All of them got out safe. Photo provided by Ally George

Man charged for drug possession

On Feb. 16, an officer from the Haliburton Highlands Ontario Provincial Police was on regular patrol duties at the intersection

of Parkside Street and Bobcaygeon Road in Minden Hills.

Just shortly after 8:30 p.m. police observed

a motor vehicle southbound on Bobcaygeon Road and a traffic stop was initiated. As a result of the investigation, police detected an odour of marijuana and the vehicle was searched. Police located and seized a small quantity of marijuana.

A 31-year-old Minden man was charged with possession of marijuana.

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Minden on April 6.

Charges laid in multiple break and enters

Members of the Haliburton Highlands Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police have charged three men in relation to a number of break-ins.

Between Jan. 20 and Feb. 11, the OPP received reports of break and enters throughout Minden Hills. A total of six residential garages, two businesses and two vehicles

were broken into where the suspects stole chainsaws, power tools and money. During the course of the investigation, police determined that the break-ins appeared to have been committed by the same suspects.

A search warrant was executed on Feb. 12 and police recovered some of the stolen items.

As a result of this investigation, a 24-year-old Minden man was charged with breaking and entering, possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000 and mischief under \$5,000. A 28-year-old Minden man was charged with three counts of break and enter, three counts of possession of property obtained from a crime under \$5,000 and one count of possession of property obtained from a crime over \$5,000. A third man, 59 years old from Minden, was charged with possession of property obtained by crime under \$5,000.

All three are scheduled to appear in Minden court on April 6.

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The *Times* is up for General Excellence in its circulation class as well as best feature writing. The story "One hundred canoes later" by Chad Ingram was a feature on Algonquin Highlands resident Rick Nash, who builds birch bark canoes using traditional methods and materials he harvests himself.

The *Echo* is nominated for General

Excellence in its circulation class, Best Front Page layout and Best Use of Process Colour in an ad.

Staffer Darren Lum is nominated for the OCNA's Photographer of the Year and also for Best Feature Series for his "Where are they now?" series on former Haliburton Highlands Secondary School students.

Columnist Steve Galea is nominated for Humour Columnist of the Year.

A nomination means a first, second or third place finish.

Rankings will be announced at an April 22 gala.

OPP costs hard on budgets

from page 1

The Algonquin Highlands roads budget for 2016 totals nearly \$1.7 million. Highlights include proposed reconstruction on Airport Road at a total cost of \$560,000, as well as tar and chip resurfacing along numerous roadways including Algonquin Outfitters, Harris, Tom Paris, Windy Point, Gervais, Elliot, Oxtongue Landfill, Blue Spruce roads and portions of Russell Landing Road.

There is also \$6,000 budgeted for a study on potential improvements to Bear Lake Road.

Some \$240,000 is budgeted at the Stanhope Airport, where capital projects will include the demolition and removal of an old house on the airport property, the construction of a deck and accessible ramp at the terminal building and the purchase of an above-ground, Jet A-1 fuel tank and system, among others.

More than \$700,000 is budgeted for Algonquin Highlands Fire Services, which includes stations in Stanhope, Dorset and Oxtongue Lake. Along with a full-time fire chief, Algonquin Highlands also employs a fire training officer.

Just more than \$55,000 is budgeted for the township's building and bylaw department for 2016.

The administration budget is approximate-

ly \$770,000 and more than \$555,000 is allotted for waste management.

The parks and recreation budget is approximately \$540,000, the budget for planning and development just less than \$130,000.

Township staff will receive a 1.5 per cent cost of living increase.

About \$800,000 will be drawn from the township's reserves during the year, more than half of that going towards an addition to the township office on North Shore Road.

Reserve funds will also be put towards two rescue vehicles in the fire department, as well the purchase of public works equipment and other more minor purchases and projects.

As of Dec. 31, 2015, Algonquin Highlands's reserves sat at about \$4.2 million. By the end of this year, they are projected to be approximately \$3.4 million.

Algonquin Highlands finished 2015 with a surplus of approximately \$50,000, which is being transferred into the township's working fund reserve.

As far as OPP costs, municipal politicians are continuing to lobby the province through organizations such as the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for more sustainable policing prices.

Earlier this month, Minden Hills council sent a letter to minister of community safety and correctional services, requesting the OPP billing formula be reviewed and

reconsidered.

"One of the things that drive policing costs up are calls for service," said Moffatt, noting that public education, such as on the misuse of 911, could help mitigate costs.

Moffatt said she was aware of nearby municipality that has instituted a staggered, increasing fee for emergency calls made in error and that perhaps Algonquin Highlands might look into such a bylaw.

“One of the things that drive policing costs up are calls for service.”

— CAROL MOFFATT, REEVE



The challenge is on

Haliburton Foodland employee Don Rowbottom, left, with store owner Brad Park donated 1,000 packages of pasta on behalf of the grocery store for the annual Pasta Challenge carried out by the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. From left, Rowbottom, Park, EA Brienne Pocket, principal Dan Marsden, students Alyssa Denyer, Noelle Russell, collection organizer Tori Hawley and Jalen Campbell accept the donation on Tuesday morning in Haliburton at the school. Thanks to Park's generous donation, the school's collection is up to 1,130 packages of pasta, which will be distributed to all four county food banks after the contest. The winner will be determined by a per capita measurement and be announced within a week of the deadline on Monday, Feb. 29. Marsden, who said the school will match the collection total before it is presented to the board, promised he and vice-principal Dave Waito will wear a pasta hat and T-shirt if they win the challenge. Hawley said they'd like to beat perennial contest winner Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute./DARREN LUM Staff

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February 25, 2016

9:00 am, Regular Council Meeting, Council Chambers
Please Note: Public Meeting will be held for 2016 Draft Budget.

March 10, 2016

9:00 a.m. COTW, Council Chambers, to be followed by a Special Council Meeting
Re: 2016 Budget Approval

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Take Notice, a Public Meeting will be held regarding the 2016 Draft Budget on Thursday, February 25, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, ON.

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St. Paul's celebrates its sesquicentennial

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

One of the oldest buildings in Haliburton County, Minden's St. Paul's Anglican Church is celebrating its 150th birthday this year.

Its official birthday.

As congregation member and sesquicentennial celebrations chairman Gareth Kellett explains, there is actually some debate as to precisely when the church started, with the congregation forming and services taking place prior to the building itself being erected.

"They were held in schoolhouses, or people's homes or whatever," Kellett says.

While a provincial historical plaque outside the building reads that construction on the church began "about 1868," according to the records of the Anglican diocese, the church was founded on July 16, 1866, so that's the date church members are going by, Kellett says.

The plaque outside the church reads, "In 1865, in response to a proposal of the Canadian Land and Emigration Company, the Church of England in Canada established the Minden Mission. The company, which had purchased 10 townships in the district, agreed to assist in supporting a missionary and that same year the Reverend Frederick Burt was appointed. A native of England, Burt had earlier served as missionary in Montreal and in Huntingdon, Que. At the village of Minden, which soon became the centre of his mission, Burt first conducted services in a schoolhouse, but about 1868 construction was begun on this simple frame church."

Kellett explains the original structure would have been almost barn-like.

"They did work on it as they could afford it," Kellett says. Some time around the turn of the 20th century, colourful stained glass windows and intricate wooden panelling were added to the gothic-style building.

Eventually, a parish hall was added. Kellett explains the parish hall that exists today is actually the third one and that one of its predecessors was a three-storey building that was

transported from Donald.

The church has been central to life in the village of Minden. The Minden Food Bank, for example, started as a cupboard in the church's lower level in 1993.

The church hosted recording star Jane Siberry for a Christmas pageant this past December.

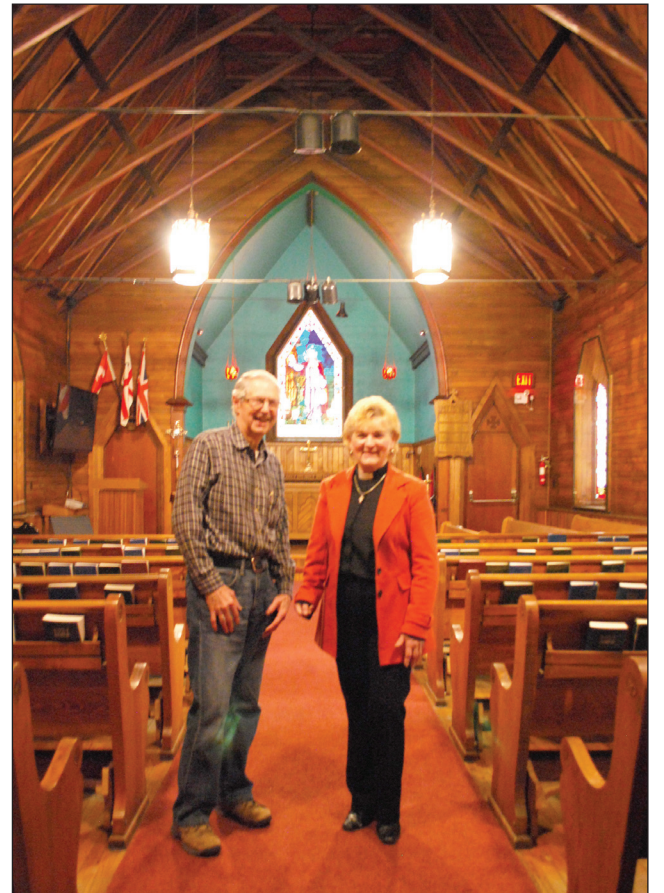
"For 150 years, St. Paul's has been at the heart of the community," says Rev. Joan Cavanaugh. "As our society and our culture changes, we want to keep being relevant within the community, offering worship, service and reaching out to be the hands, the feet and the voice of Christ. St. Paul's wants to be vibrant, committed, culturally important and responsive to the needs of the community."

The church operates a popular thrift shop providing affordable clothing and is constructing an addition.

The celebration of St. Paul's sesquicentennial will take place throughout 2016 with a series of events.

Those events will kick off Sunday, March 6, when Archbishop Colin Johnson will pay a visit. On May 15, past ministers and summer student ministers will gather and on July 10, Rev. Andrew Hutchison will visit. A community picnic is scheduled for July 23 and on Aug. 21, the Right Rev. George Elliot, who was Bishop of Toronto from 2001 to 2012 will make an appearance. Celebrations will culminate with a visit from Archbishop Fred Hiltz on Thanksgiving.

Kellett is looking for any photos or other historical items related to the church to be used in displays.



Gareth Kellett, chairman of sesquicentennial celebrations for St. Paul's Anglican Church in Minden, stands inside the building alongside Rev. Joan Cavanaugh.



The exterior of St. Paul's Anglican Church along Invergordon Street in Minden. The main part of the church is the original building and is one of the oldest in the county.



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A little help

ONTARIO'S MUNICIPALITIES are in trouble.

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Years of the province downloading costs, from infrastructure to social services to security, has left many of the Ontario's 444 municipalities facing woeful financial straits.

Many have reserve levels well below where they should ideally be, Haliburton County being one of them.

Others are carrying heavy debt loads. If some of the townships in this province don't get some help soon, they are going to go the way of Detroit.

And that help is not likely to come from the province. After all, it's the province that's largely responsible for the hobbled state municipalities are beginning to find themselves in.

Much of the downloading started in the 1990s during then-Premier Mike Harris's so called "common sense revolution," but has continued with successive provincial governments, municipalities asked to pay more and more for services they require and over whose costs they have little or no control.

The most glaring recent example is the new OPP billing formula, which was enacted by the province last year. Redistributing total OPP costs on a per household basis, it's clobbering cottage country communities, since the province has decided seasonal residences qualify as households.

Collectively, the OPP bills of Haliburton County's four lower-tier townships will double from approximately \$3 million to approximately \$6 million. This year, the OPP bill for Algonquin Highlands – permanent population 2,200 – is \$740,000. The OPP bill for Minden Hills – permanent population 5,500 – is

more than \$1.8 million.

That is roughly the same amount - \$1.8 million – that Haliburton County will pay for social services this year, social services that are not nearly meeting the needs of the community's at-risk population.

There is currently a waiting list of more than 1,000 for the 1,050 financially-assisted housing units controlled by the Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Housing Corporation.

According to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, 67 per cent of all infrastructure in the province – much of it aging – is owned by municipalities, who collectively pay

billions of dollars a year just to maintain it.

And since most municipalities have very few revenue-generating vehicles, their only real option is to hike property taxes, passing the tab along to residents.

As a favourite saying of some of the county's politicians goes, there's

only one taxpayer.

Municipalities need help and it's not coming from the limping, \$300-billion-in-debt albatross that is the Ontario government.

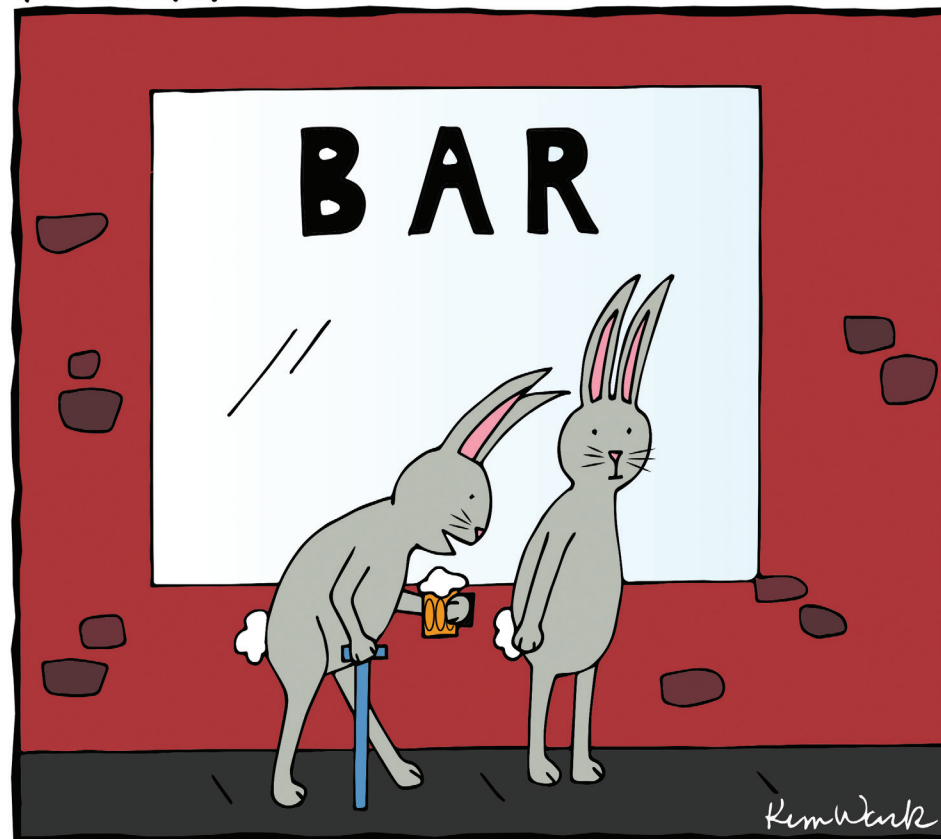
No, it's time to go upstairs.

The federal government has said it will run \$10-billion deficits for the next few years in order to provide stimulus funding, much of which will go to infrastructure and create some jobs along the way.

But we need more than that at this point, we need long-term, strategic planning at the national level.

A detailed and ongoing national infrastructure assistance program. A national housing strategy.

What is happening to municipalities in Ontario has shown that perhaps provinces shouldn't be left to their own devices quite so much.

**CHAD INGRAM**
Reporter**KWARKY**

Turkey season soon

EVERY NOW AND THEN I run into someone who says something like, "Why do you hunt wild turkeys?"

This is a fantastic question and one that I'll address in this column.

There are almost too many reasons to list. They taste good. They provide a challenging hunt. I like the setting they live in. I enjoy hunting them in spring when the wildflowers are up and the forest is greening. I like seeing the returning songbirds. I love hearing woodcock peent and grouse drum. I enjoy seeing gobblers display and am thrilled every time I hear their lusty calls.

Mostly, however, I do it so you can get your mail.

No need to thank me.

I was reminded of this after hearing a 911 call about a wild turkey flock in New Jersey that was preventing a postman from delivering the mail. Those bold birds were attacking the postal truck and the employee to the

point where the police had to be called in.

Just to be clear, that's a federal offence.

This is nothing new. Over my tenure as news editor for *Ontario Out of Doors* magazine, I had read at least five reports of similar behaviour from roving flocks of wild turkeys. They are aggressive.

On one occasion not far from my home at the time, they even attacked a troop of Girl Guides. Poor innocent Girl Guides.

You have to ask yourself, what kind of horrible creature do you have to be to attack those very people who bring us delicious cookies?

Those turkeys should be ashamed of themselves.

I suppose there are some folks out there who are probably thinking that I am paint-

ing all wild turkeys with the same brush. Frankly, I'd prefer to think I am basting all wild turkeys with the same brush.

Whatever way you look at it, I think this is fair warning that, given their way, wild turkeys are fully capable of disrupting the important things we hold dear – essentially the chance to peruse flyers and buy cookies.

I, for one, believe that we should not let this stand.

Yes, at this moment it's just those two things. But what if we let those things slide? What's next?

I'll tell you what's next. A third thing, that's what. Quite possibly, roving gangs of wild turkeys whose goal will be to make our towns and downtown cores unsafe. And, if we allow this, where is the criminal element going to relocate to?

Luckily, hunting season for wild turkey will be upon us in just over two months as I write this. That's our best opportunity

to show those aggressive wild turkeys that we humans won't be trifled with.

Again, you are welcome.

When this column is complete, as it will be in 150 or so words, I will send it in and then take a drive to our local Post Office to get my mail. Once there, I will pick up flyers and an assortment of bills as well as junk mail and perhaps even notices of property taxes as well as letters from Revenue Canada reminding me that tax time is just around the corner.

I will get all these things because our local wild turkey flock knows better than to mess around with the mail we get.

Now that I think of it, I just might spend more time trout fishing this year.

**STEVE GALEA**
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Tattoos and Star Wars

I'VE BEEN THINKING about getting a tattoo. Thinking hard. Getting a tattoo is no lightweight decision. What statement do I want to make? What design? On which body part? These are serious questions, so I decided to do some serious research.

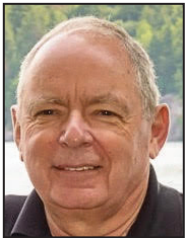
Trolling the Internet I learned that arrows, roses, and birds are among those most favoured designs worldwide. Also Roman numerals and glyphs.

Everything I read about tattoos was interesting, although not necessarily helpful. Then I landed on some totally unexpected, bombshell information: Some tattoo studios in the United States are offering free Donald Trump tattoos.

You can get The Donald's full face, complete with that pompous grey-blond hair wave. And you can get his campaign slogan "Make America Great Again." You can even get his face at the centre of the Stars and Stripes, in full colour. All at no charge.

Trump tattoos are showing up on people's shoulders, necks, arms, ankles and calves.

It is another absurd twist in what has to be the most bizarre presidential election in U.S. history. It is a freak show reminiscent of the bar scenes in *Star Wars*.



JIM POLING SR.
From Shaman's Rock

You might recall the Mos Eisley Cantina on the planet Tatooine. The bar was a dark and seedy dive where star pilots landed for drinks, weird music called Jizz and to engage in some violent rough housing. The regular customers are some of the most villainous scumbags you hope never to encounter.

Each time I watch a presidential candidate debate on TV I feel like I have walked into the Mos Eisley Cantina. All the candidates are there. Republican and Democrats.

There's Donald Trump, looking and sounding just like Chewbacca (except Chewbacca has a nicer hair style). Someone asks him if as president he would nuke Mexico to stop the flow of illegal immigrants.

"Whoaa waamaa warrgth," he answers, which I think translates as: "It's unbelievable. They're bringing drugs, they're bringing crime, they're rapists."

Beside him is Jeb Bush, his eyes darting side to side. He looks terrified at being there. Either that or he has Irritable Bowel Syndrome and is urgently looking for a toilet. Or, maybe he just realized that he is about to be bounced from the campaign.

Ted Cruz is there, looking calm as a jellyfish. He has a smile that gives the impression he has swallowed not just the canary, but an entire aviary.

At the far end of the bar Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders are locked in argument. Hillary thinks she is Princess Leia but is more like Leesub Sirln, alias the Weird Girl.

Bernie is doing his Obi-Wan Kenobi routine but still can't figure out how to switch on his laser lance.

Latest word is that some Democrats are getting Bernie or Hillary tattoos. You can get a full face tattoo of Hillary or simply "HRC 2016" which fits nicely on a wrist.

Bernie fans are getting the hair-askew-on-top-of heavy-rim-glasses tattoo, some with the slogan "Feel the Bern."

Election tattooing is not a new trend, nor solely the product of the U.S. In our federal election last fall a Montreal tattoo studio offered free election-style tattoos with a twist. It challenged the party leaders to have their election promises tattooed on their bodies and offered to do it for free.

"Because, like a tattoo, a promise is for life," the studio said in a video launching its Ink Your Promise campaign.

Those tattoo dudes are not only artists, they are smart business people. Tattoo politicians with their election promises and 100 days later they will be lined up at the door willing to pay whatever to have them erased.

Neither Justin the Good, Stephen the Evil or Tom the Whatever is believed to have taken them up on the offer.

At any rate, I've decided not to get a Donald Trump tattoo. If I did, however, I know where I would put it. It would adorn the very lowest reaches of my back, closest to the body part that best describes him.

Instead of that I will to get one in large letters across my forehead. It will read:

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letters to the editor

Cupcake Day Feb. 29

To the Editor,

As some people may know, Feb. 29 is the OSPCA National Cupcake day! The staff here at Minden Animal Hospital will be selling cupcakes that day in support of this! All proceeds from the cupcakes will go to the OSPCA. Pre-orders are appreciated!

In addition to cupcake day, the rest of that week (March 1 to 5) we will be having a bake sale in support of the Haliburton Pet Owners' Assistance Fund.

They have been doing some great things for the community and have helped many people so far! All proceeds from the bake sale will go directly to them! Donations are always appreciated and we are hoping to have a good turn-out for the bake sale!

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**The doctors and staff at
Minden Animal Hospital**

OTF funding application workshops

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) is hosting free workshops for potential nonprofit grant applicants during the month of March, with a focus specifically on the Seed and Capital Investment Streams.

"Seed grant projects could include conducting feasibility studies, testing new approaches, developing a new idea, or launching a new event," said Lenka Petric, OTF program manager. "Capital grant activities could include buying and installing equipment, doing renovations or repairs, building structures, or making better use of technological resources."

The workshops will focus on eligibility, the application and assessment, as well as tips on

how to write strong applications.

Sessions close to, or in the Haliburton area include:

Lindsay: Tuesday, March 8 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Community Care Village Housing, 65 Melbourne Street West.

Haliburton: Tuesday, March 15 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Haliburton School of Art and Design Great Hall, 297 College Drive.

Apsley: Tuesday, March 29 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Glen Alda Community Centre, 3723 County Road 620.

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Hydro arrears trouble county council

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Haliburton County residents generated 20 per cent of requests for financial assistance from those who are homeless or on the brink of homelessness from the Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton Housing Help Centre last year.

Hope Lee, CEO of the Kawartha Lakes Haliburton Housing Corporation, gave a presentation to Haliburton County councillors Feb. 17, reporting on the first year of the Housing Help Centre.

The centre, located in Lindsay, was conceived by Kawartha Lakes council in 2014 and integrates funding from a number of provincial programs into a single entity.

Provincial social services and housing funding is delivered jointly to the county and City of Kawartha Lakes.

The centre provides homelessness prevention programming, assistance with housing needs and signing up for social service programs such as Ontario Works or the child care subsidy. It also provides assistance for landlords and tenants, as well as help with utility payments and home repairs.

"Most of our requests are for financial assistance," Lee told councillors, explaining those requests were from those who are homeless or on the verge of homelessness.

There were almost 2,000 requests during the year, 20 per cent of them coming from Haliburton County.

The county has a permanent population of about 17,000, the City of Kawartha Lakes

just below 80,000.

Those requests resulted in 1,200 payments, 20 per cent of them paid to county residents. Hope said the average payment was about \$700. The requests take about three days to process.

Hope told councillors there is a waiting list of more than 1,000 to get into the 1,050 units controlled by the housing corporation.

Most the demand is for one-bedroom units. While in the City of Kawartha Lakes it's singles and couples who are the most in need, in Haliburton County, it's seniors.

There is also programming for those not on social assistance, such as the utility arrears program and low-income energy assistance program.

"The numbers that jump off the sheet are the hydro arrears," said Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin.

The help centre made total payments of some \$267,000 to help residents with their hydro bills. In the county, there were 58 hydro arrears payments totalling more than \$113,000, for an average payment of nearly \$2,000. In the City of Kawartha Lakes, there were 122 payments totalling more than \$153,000.

Devolin asked if the program the province itself recently introduced to help residents struggling with the cost of electricity would help reduce those figures.

"Something has to happen," Lee said.

While the centre is located in Lindsay, Lee noted that half the users in 2015 did not enter the building itself, but used digital communication or went through community partners such as library branches.

"It was never intended to be a one-stop shop where somebody had to visit a physical location," she said.

The centre operates with funding from the Ministry of Community and Social Services'

consolidated homelessness prevention, emergency energy fund, emergency hostel services and domiciliary hostel programs and Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing's provincial rent bank.

Emergency service calls up nearly nine per cent

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Call volumes for Haliburton County's paramedics increased by nearly nine per cent in 2015.

A report from paramedic chief and EMS director Craig Jones shows the total number of calls paramedics received in 2015 was 6,061, up from 5,578 in 2014.

Emergency calls in particular were up by 231, or an increase of 9.7 per cent over 2014, representing the highest volume of emergency calls the county has ever seen.

Standby calls were up 260.

"Ambulance use increases as age increases," Jones's report reads. "We anticipate a corresponding increase in requests for service as our age demographic increases."

Of the patient-carrying calls the department had in 2015, 76 per cent of them were for those aged 45 and above. Nearly 33 per cent were for those aged 80 and above.

"We definitely don't expect those numbers to decrease as far as the age demographic," Jones told councillors during a Feb. 18 meeting.

Haliburton County has cross-border services agreements with surrounding municipalities for emergency services.

During the past few years, there has been a decrease in the number of calls in the county being attended to by staff from other municipalities.

While the number of calls in the county attended by other paramedic services was 398 in 2013, it was 379 for 2014 and last year, 326.

"We are doing more of our own calls," Jones told councillors.

This results in less cross-border billing for the municipality to pay.

Meanwhile, the number of calls outside the county being responded to by local paramedics has increased, from 259 in 2013 to 316 in 2014 to 346 in 2014.

"We have attempted to mitigate this concern by collaborating with neighbouring counties and developing changes in our deployment plan," Jones's report reads.

The Haliburton station, which has one 24-hour and one 12-hour ambulance, handled the highest number of calls for the year. A total of 3,210 calls were dealt with from that station.

The Minden base, which has one 24-hour ambulance, handled just more than 1,400 calls and the Tory Hills station, which is manned with one 12-hour ambulance, just less than 960 calls.

County council cost \$105K to operate for 2015

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Haliburton County council, which consists of the reeves and deputy-reeves of the county's four lower-tier townships, cost about \$105,000 to operate in 2015.

Remuneration for councillors was presented in a report during a Feb. 17 council meeting. Provincial legislation requires that municipalities publicly disclose and pay and expenses of elected officials, as well committee appointees, on an annual basis.

Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch collected just more than \$8,900 in per diem payments and about \$115 in mileage for a total of just more than \$9,000.

Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt received \$9,850 in per diem payments, about \$850 in mileage and had some \$990 of other expenses for a total just less than \$11,700.

Other expenses include items such as registration fees.

Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton was paid just more than \$9,900, received about \$1,560 in mileage and had \$580 in other expenses for a total just over \$12,000.

Dysart et al Deputy-reeve Andrea Roberts totalled \$10,970 in per diem payments, about \$970 in mileage and approximately \$130

in other expenses for a total also just over \$12,000.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen collected \$10,930 in per diem payments and about \$1,580 in mileage for a total of just more than \$12,500.

Highlands East Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge collected \$10,810 in per diem payments and just more than \$2,100 in mileage for a total of approximately \$12,950.

Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin was paid \$11,610, collected in \$864 in mileage and had more than \$1,300 in other expenses for a total of just more than \$13,800.




Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey, who was county warden in 2015, was paid \$18,800, collected just less than \$1,000 in mileage and had just more than \$1,000 in other expenses for total of approximately \$20,860.

Councillors are paid based on the number of council and committee meetings they attend, county payments are separate from those received by their respective lower tiers.

Per diems and mileage for library board members totalled just more than \$3,100 for the year. For the tourism committee, costs were just more than \$1,000; for the land division committee just more than \$2,800; and for members of the accessibility committee about \$700.




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Haliburton County supports Blue Dot movement

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a Feb. 17 meeting of Haliburton County council.

Haliburton County councillors passed a resolution in support of the Blue Dot movement, a campaign from the David Suzuki Foundation asking municipal councils to lobby the provinces to lobby the federal government to add the right to a clean environment to the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. Canada is one of the few democracies in the world without the right to a clean environment guaranteed in its constitution. Locally, the campaign was promoted by Environment Haliburton, with members of the group visiting local councils last year. County council had originally said it didn't want to pass the resolution without the matter going to the lower tiers first. The municipality's four lower-tier townships have since passed resolutions of support. Councillors passed the resolution after watching a video from members of the eco club at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Township opts not to pursue septage site injunction

by JENN WATT
Editor

After consulting with legal and planning experts, the Township of Algonquin Highlands announced last week that it would not be seeking an injunction against the spreading of septage on a property off Highway 118.

In a press release, the township explained its disappointment that the owner of the land did not need to seek rezoning from the municipality in order to spread waste. However, the owner did follow the law and obtained environmental compliance approval, referred to as an ECA, from the province on Sept. 15, 2015.

"Unfortunately, MOECC [Ministry of Environment and Climate Change] does not require consultation with either the public or the municipality on any aspect of its approval process relating to the issuance of an ECA for a septage spreading field," the township's release reads.

The situation arose in the summer of 2015 when a company sought the approval of the ministry to spread septage on land about one kilometre from Maple Lake on Hwy. 118 in Algonquin Highlands. While area residents were concerned the spreading would endanger water quality, create a smell and lower property values, the company was able to satisfy the ministry's requirements and obtained approval.

The owner maintains that he has undertaken all of the necessary studies, which show that his operation is not endangering water quality.

Some area residents have been critical of the process and have asked that the municipal council act on their concerns.

Repeatedly, councillors expressed their

Signs woes continue

The county continues to have issues with the province over signs it wants to erect at entrances to the municipality along provincial highways. The signs, which would feature the county's My Haliburton Highlands branding logo, are apparently not popular with staff with the province's Tourism-Oriented Directional Signage (TODS) program, which must approve the signs. The issue has been going on for a number of months.

"It's a bit ridiculous we can't have the sign we want," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve and County Warden Carol Moffatt.

Moffatt said the municipality has been told TODS would prefer signs with natural imagery. "There is concern thinking one person can say, 'I don't think you'll be happy with your sign, based on my graphic design background,'" she said.

The tourism department will be resubmitting information and Moffatt said perhaps the county should be looking into getting a delegation at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario conference if the issue is not resolved.

own frustration that the company did not need to go through a re-zoning process and that their opinions as local representatives were not sought out by the province.

"A re-zoning application pursuant to the Planning Act would allow for public input as well as the ability of the municipality to approve or otherwise deny the application. However, despite requests by the municipality for the proponent to undertake a re-zoning of the subject lands to have the septage spreading field designated a permitted use, the proponent has refused or otherwise neglected to do so," the release says.

"Council has been advised that because of the provincially provided ECA, a court application by the municipality for an injunction to restrain the septage spreading operation stands an extremely high likelihood of failure, thereby exposing the municipality not only to substantial legal costs but also a possible damage claim; and ultimately, the current use would continue."

The release goes on to say that because of these obstacles the township will not be going forward with an injunction against the project.

However, despite abandoning the legal route, the township is still pursuing the issue.

Among actions listed is an upcoming meeting with the ministry "requesting the ministry to eliminate the disconnect in the application process which removes any power from local decision makers."

Additionally, they have caught the attention of the Rural Ontario Municipalities Association; have received word that the ministry is reviewing the hauled sewage program; and are looking at their own sewage facilities as part of budget deliberations regarding setting up a reserve for future septage programs.



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Magical run of success for Hawks rink

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

There were wide smiles, beaming eyes and outstretched arms raised high above their heads in jubilation by the Red Hawks girls' curling team of Alyssa Denyer, Tori Hawley, Alanna Casper and Emily Parish after winning the 2016 Gore Mutual Schoolgirl Provincial Championships with a steal of the winning point in an extra-end stunner.

In an email message Denyer said the team's confidence is very high after the 4-3 win over St. Patrick's High School of Ottawa on Saturday, Feb. 20 in Tweed.

She said they expect to carry this great play into the high school competition and believe they have a chance to not only earn a berth, but win it all at the all-provincials.

Success at the Gore's wasn't certain when the team began its run to the final.

In the team's first game against Parry Sound, the Hawks shot poorly. Denyer figures the team only made 20 per cent of its shots, resulting in the 9-3 loss. Despite the lack of efficiency, the team remained close until the seventh end when it surrendered four points.

That was the wakeup call the team needed.

"After that, a completely different team appeared, the team we normally are. We upped our shot making percentage to 80s and 90s [per cent] and managed to go undefeated after that," she said.

The Hawks finished its round-robin with the loss and two wins (11-4 over Perth and 10-3 over Waterdown). Since they were in a three-way tie with Waterdown and Parry Sound, the Red Hawks needed to play a tiebreaker. In the tiebreaker against Parry Sound, the Hawks avenged their opening loss beating them 6-4.

The team rolled on and carried its momentum into the semi-finals, downing Alliston 7-2 to earn the berth to the final where it won dramatically.

Denyer said the poor start at the Gore was "because we were excited to be at provincials and didn't realize the potential we actually had to win."

When "we realized we could win, we wanted it more than



Hawks girls' curling team of Alyssa Denyer, left, Alanna Casper, Emily Parish and Tori Hawley returned from the 2016 Gore Mutual Schoolgirl Provincial Championships with the Gore Bowl as the best girls' team in Ontario. This past weekend the Highlands rink, skipped by Denyer, edged out St. Patrick's High School of Ottawa 4-3 on Saturday, Feb. 20 in Tweed./DARREN LUM Staff

anything," she said.

Kawartha win before Gore event.

A week earlier at the Kawartha Championship the team was dominant on their way to the A final, outscoring Brock High School and I.E. Weldon Secondary 24-4.

In the A final Haliburton was edged out 7-6 by Fenelon Falls Secondary School.

Denyer's rink recovered and handily beat the Weldon in the B final 9-3 for a berth to play at the Central Ontario

Secondary School Athletics championship this Wednesday at the Haliburton Curling Club.

The top team from COSSA will advance to the allprovincials, also known as OFSAA (Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations).

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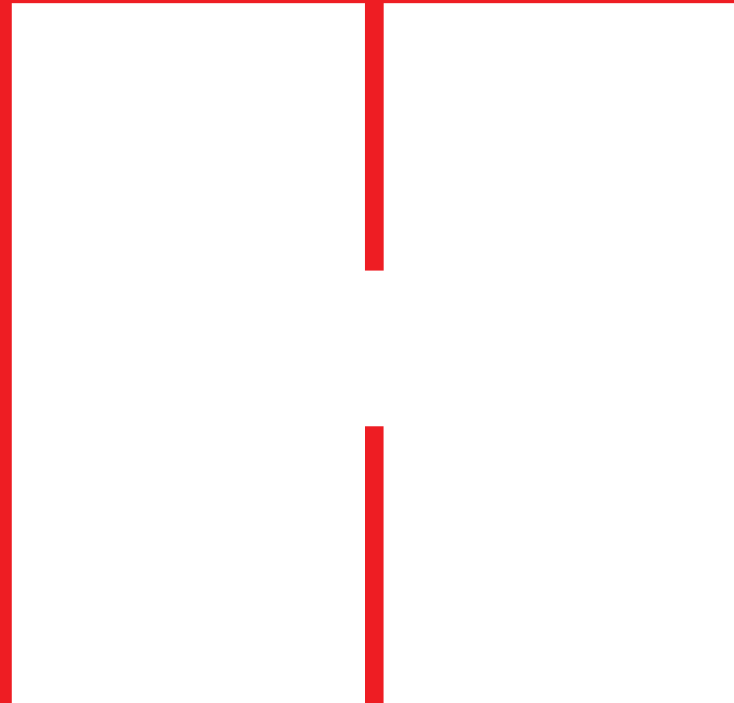


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Hawks carve to COSSA success

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

It was a podium sweep for the Red Hawks snowboarding team on Friday at the Sir Sam's Ski and Ride location during the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics Championship.

Led by last week's Kawartha champion Mac Moynes, who repeated his golden performance, the Hawks took the top three positions with Zak Shantz in second and Glenn Bagg, who was edged out by less than half a second, for third. Shantz jumped onto the podium after his 22nd placing in Kawartha while Bagg repeated his bronze placing from Kawartha.

Dakota MacDonald, who won silver at the Kawartha Championship, led the Lady Hawks with a second place. Teammate Brynn Meyers wasn't far behind in fourth and equalled her Kawartha finish.

The combined times of MacDonald, Meyers and Christine Bishop earned Haliburton a gold in the girls' team event, edging out Fenelon Falls by three seconds.

The boys' team won silver in the team competition.

Hawks results Individual

Girls
Second Dakota MacDonald
65.32
Fourth Brynn Meyers 67.13
Fifth Christine Bishop 71.83
Sixth Taylor Coltman 73.31

Boys
First Mac Moynes 57.08

Second Zak Shantz 58.06
Third Glenn Bagg 58.41
Tenth Keagan Gillam 63.79
12 Nolan Nicholson
15 Abe Churko
16 Logan Roylance
17 Jacob Bishop
21 Nikki Kelly
25 Connor Brandon
27 Drew Van Lieshout
28 Matt Smith



The Red Hawks snowboarder Glenn Bagg, who finished third, leans into his heelside turn during the COSSA Championship on Friday, Feb. 19 at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride in Eagle Lake. There were 35 high school competitors from the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, Fenelon Falls Secondary School and Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute. /DARREN LUM Staff



The Red Hawks snowboarder Christine Bishop rides to a fifth place during the COSSA Snowboarding Championship on Friday, Feb. 19 at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride in Eagle Lake. /DARREN LUM Staff

Hawks hockey team advances

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

After a 9-2 blowout win against the Campbellford Flames, the Red Hawks boys' hockey team were given a gift at home this past Monday at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton.

The Hawks were looking to advance to the Kawartha Tournament today with a series win to end the best-of-three game series with its sixth place opponents (4-4-1) for the opening round of the Kawartha High School Hockey League playoffs. However on the day of the game the Flames forfeited.

In the lopsided win days before, it included "altercations that resulted in suspensions," said Hawks head coach Ron Yake.

The team, which finished third (6-2-1) at the end of the regular season, has lost Ethan Keefer, Nolan Flood and Paydon Miscio for the upcoming Kawartha tournament that starts with second place Cobourg Collegiate Wolves (6-1-2) in Lakefield today at 10 a.m. These teams are closely matched, separated by one point before the playoffs and a

goal differential of seven goals.
The winner advances to the Kawartha championship final in Peterborough the same day at 2 p.m.
Haliburton, a AA team, has already booked its place at the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics in Quinte and either Crestwood or Lindsay Collegiate Vocational Institute (as of press time their AA game had not been played) will play this coming Monday. The winner of the opening game of COSSA to advance to the championship game.
The two teams that earn a trip to the AA COSSA final will advance to OFSAA from March 7 to 10 in Ottawa.

Hawks notes:

Hawks winger Jayden Wood led all scorers with a hat-trick while Owen Patterson-Smith and Noah Dollo each added a pair in the Flames win.
Wood and Dollo led the team in the regular season with 20 points each, tied for second in the league scoring race. Defenceman Owen Flood was in the top 10 of scoring with 12 points.

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Red Hawks win, advance, finish with close loss

The following are HHSS sports briefs for the week ending Feb. 19.

Haliburton rink wins Gore Provincial

This past weekend the HHSS curling teams have been participating in two tournament bonspiels Gore regionals in Toronto and the Kawartha championship in Omemee. After excellent play and difficult ends, the boys' curling team was knocked out of both tournaments. The girls' team played well, struggling through some difficult ends and earned spots to continue competitive play in both divisions. The girls lost the Kawartha Championship A final, but regrouped to win the B final and advance to COSSA.

Note: This past Saturday, Feb. 20, the team stole a point in the extra end against Ottawa's St. Patrick High School to win the 2016 Gore Mutual Schoolgirl Provincial Championships in Tweed. See full story on girls on page 10.

Two advance to all-provincials

Last week our Nordic skiers did very well at COSSA at Hardwood Hills Ski and Bike, as hosted by Huntsville High School. Senior skiers Christine Bishop and Brynn Meyers qualified for OFSAA with top eight finishes. Meyers placed fourth, only four seconds behind second place. Bishop finished eighth Sydney Cameron finished her racing career with first place in the Novice division.

Juniors end season against Bulldogs

The Junior Boys' Red Hawks basketball team squared off against the Brock Bulldogs in a do-or-die Kawartha playoff game. The teams were evenly matched all season and this game was no exception. The Red Hawks played great defense but had a tough time finishing around the hoop. Final score Brock 21, HHSS 18.



Making their marks

There were seven Minden Figure Skating Club skaters Gillian Rosik, left, Liah Gallant, Jayde Rowden, Cheyenne Lagace, Abby Rosik, Melanie Walter, Madison Allaire, who travelled to Bracebridge on Feb. 13 to compete at the annual Winter Whirl skating competition. Allaire; Star 4 Freeskate, over 13; third; Gallant; Star 2 Freeskate; silver; Gallant and Lagace; Star 2 Team Elements; silver; Lagace; Star 2 Freeskate; silver; Abby Rosik; Star 3 Freeskate; gold; Gillian Rosik; Star 2 Freeskate; silver; Walter; Star 4 Freeskate, under 13; first; Pre-Intro Interpretive; gold; Improv; gold. Photo submitted.

Three wrestlers head to OFSAA

by PAUL KLOSE
Special to the Times

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Wrestling Team continued to perform well during the championship run.

On Wednesday, Feb. 17, 13 Red Hawks competed at the COSSA (Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics) Wrestling Championships hosted by Kenner Collegiate and Vocational Institute in Peterborough. At the end of the day, nine HHSS wrestlers were ranked among the top four of their respective weight classes.

Shane O'Reilly went undefeated in the 83 kilograms division and returned as the COSSA champion. O'Reilly ad-

vances to the OFSAA (Ontario Federation of School Athletic Associations) Championship along with teammates AJ Gillam (77 kilogram) and Sonora Plumb (51 kilogram). The OFSAA Championships are held in Windsor, Ontario on Feb. 29 to March 2.

COSSA Results:

Gold medal: Shane O'Reilly (83 kilogram)

Silver medal: Sonora Plumb (51 kilogram), Rebecca Hamilton (54 kilogram)

Bronze medal: AJ Gillam (77 kilogram), Emily Klose (64 kilogram), Shelby Murdoch (67.5 kilogram)

Fourth place: Jackson Gartshore (51 kilogram), Sonya Flatman (54 kilogram), Zanna Zondervan (61 kilogram)

Notice

NOTICE TO TRUCKERS 2016 SPRING LOAD RESTRICTIONS

Under the *Highway Traffic Act*, the province enforces reduced load restrictions on trucks to protect Ontario's highways during spring thaw, when road damage is most likely to occur.

Restriction on permits issued under the *Highway Traffic Act*:

All annual and project permits for moving of heavy vehicle loads, objects or structures, in excess of limits set out in the Act, unless otherwise specified are not valid on any highways during the months of March and April, in the southern portion of Ontario, and March, April and May in the northern portion.

For this restriction, the province is divided, west to east, by a line formed by the Severn River to Regional Rd. 169; Regional Rd. 169 from Washago to Hwy. 12;

Hwy. 12, from Regional Rd. 169 to Hwy. 7, north of Sunderland; Hwy. 7, from Hwy. 12 to Regional Rd. 7B at Carleton Place; Regional Rd. 7B to Hwy 15; and Regional Rd. 29 to Arnprior.

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County of Haliburton Planning Committee Special Meeting

The Council of the County of Haliburton wishes to provide PUBLIC NOTICE that there will be special meeting of the Haliburton County Planning Committee Monday, March 7, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. Meeting will be held in the County Council Chambers at 11 Newcastle St., Minden, ON.

Charlsey White, MCIP, RPP, Director of Planning
County of Haliburton
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Spare me the email, send a real letter

AROUND THE TOWN

Patti Fleury

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Here at the old farmhouse our senior yellow lab Taffy is demanding more respect from the other inhabitants both two and four legged. This morning it was announced that for the 25th year in a row the most popular breed of dog across North America is the Labrador Retriever followed in order by the German shepherd, the golden retriever, the bulldog and the beagle. On a different note postman Bill had indicated that Mondays were the busiest day for mail. It's Monday and Bruce has just returned from his daily noon hour trip to the post box driving cautiously back up the long icy laneway. His "catch of the day" consists of two funding appeal form letters, an insurance invoice and a colourful catalogue from *National Geographic*. At Christmas having ordered a build-your-own solar robot kit from that source for Ben I expect an ongoing postal relationship with NG. A handwritten note is apparently as rare as my chance of winning the lottery. So spare me that email birthday or holiday greeting, the Facebook postings or

text messages. Just sign that card – it doesn't even need to be a Hallmark!

The Victoria Pony Club will hold its "Trivia Night" on Saturday, March 5 at the Galway Hall beginning at 5:30 p.m. This fun family evening will include a Country Auction, a loonie auction and trivia challenge plus pizza and a sundae bar all set with a Western theme. Advance tickets are \$12 and available at Austin Lumber. Much credit must be given to the parents and leaders involved in this club for the incredible success these young riders have achieved in competitions at the local, provincial and federal levels. The self-confidence built through these experiences flows over into so many other aspects of life.

The annual general meeting of the Kinmount and Area Artisans Guild for the year 2015 will be held on Sunday, March 6 at 2 p.m. in the Kinmount Community Centre. All members are urged to attend. It is hard to believe that after a series of four community meetings under the leadership of the Kinmount Committee for Planning and Economic Development this Guild was formed back on March 31, 1999. With a great deal of volunteer effort its primary project the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace opened that Victoria Day weekend. At that time no one knew how long this local arts and crafts cooperative would continue and here it is starting off season 17. It is disappointing to learn that the Art Hive has closed at the end of January. In addition to featur-

ing the work of several talented local artisans this cooperative offered many learning opportunities through courses and exhibits. Here is another reminder of how critical year round support is for these area endeavours.

Area Lions Clubs work hard to improve sight by offering screening at local schools. Here in Kinmount the Lions Club invite you to have your pre-school and school aged children's eyesight tested on Monday, March 7 at the Kinmount Community Centre from 6:30 to 8 p.m. This important free service will be held in conjunction with the Kinmount Sparks, Brownies and Guides meeting night. Please note that a signed waiver is required for this assessment. The Club also collects used eyeglasses which can be dropped off at the Kinmount District Health Centre and maintains a loan cupboard of medical/home care equipment. For more information on these activities please call Vic at 705-488-3053 or Dave at 705-488-2005.

Birthday greetings go out to Cousin Margo for February 20th. An avid reader of the *Minden Times* she will have some catching up to do on her return to London, Ont. next weekend from visiting with friends in the Dominican Republic. For the rest of us just try and ignore that thermometer and ask yourself if Spring can really be too far behind? The Blue Jays pitchers and catchers have already taken to the field in sunny Dunedin, Florida. Let's hope for another great season. In the meantime keep busy and well. They go together...

UPCOMING Community Events

See more events in our Winter Guide, available on newsstands across the Haliburton Highlands.

Want to get your event in Community Calendar? It's free! Contact Pat at classifieds@haliburtonpress.com.

Dated Events

MINDEN: Making Baby Food Together

When: Monday, February 29, 10 am to noon

Where: Ontario Early Years Centre (144 Bobcaygeon Rd.) in Minden

Join Health Unit staff in learning to make healthy food for your baby. Call (705) 457-1391 or 1-866-888-4577 for more information.

Haliburton County Farmers Association: A farming Info Evening

When: Tuesday March 1, 7:00 PM

Where: SG Nesbitt Community Centre, Minden

It's about farming here in Haliburton. It's about growing things here in Haliburton. It's about raising livestock – cattle, sheep, goats, chickens, etc. here in Haliburton.

Our presenters will each talk for about 15 minutes which takes up the first hour or so. Then the meeting will break up and each presenter will have an area in the room where they will have additional info and anyone can go talk to them one-on-one. Heather Candler, our support individual from OMFRA will also be available to share info on OMAFRA's programs and resources. Last but not least – the most important part – food and drinks will be available!

Bowl for Kids Sake - Big Brother Big Sister

When: Wed. March 2, 2016

Where: Fast Lane Bowling, Minden

Organize a team of bowlers. Collect pledges. No skill required. No Cost to Bowler

For more info or to participate, please call Rawn at 705-286-2401

World Day of Prayer

When: Friday March 4th 2-4pm

Where: Our Lady of Fatima Church, 7 Bobcaygeon Rd. Minden Please join us as the Anglican, United, Bible and Catholic churches of Minden celebrate Cuba this year.

Refreshments, Cuban music and slideshow to follow.

EARLY ST. PATRICK'S FUN DAY

When: Saturday March 5, 11:00 to 4:00

Where: BOBCAYGEON SENIORS CENTRE, 100 Head Street COST IS \$5.00 (TICKETS ARE REQUIRED FOR THIS EVENT) Lunch is included

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda 705-738-982

HALIBURTON: Sexual Health Clinic

When: Wednesday, March 9, 10:30 am to Noon.

The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 1205.

County card scores

by Patti Fleury ~ 488-2938 ~ brucefleury1@hotmail.com

Dave Heaven 55 percent.

Feb. 17 Big Bucks Bid Euchre at Kinmount Legion: In first place at 334 was Glenda Swanton then our reporter Rose Isaacson 318 and Dana Briscoe 306. Pearl Cowen held the hidden score with high games played by Carole Murphy and Judy Muzzi.

Feb. 18 euchre at Minden Legion: Most lone hand honours went to Shirley Davis and James Bastedo with Irene McDowell and Terry Davis recording the high scores. The evening's lows were posted by Muriel McIntosh and our reporter Tom Grix with Tom also winning the draw and Clara Miscio, Muriel McIntosh and Shirley Davis the other prizes.

Feb. 18 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Leading ladies were Theresa Deak 360, Anne Manning 264, our reporter Bev Johnson 211 and Sharron Atkinson 204. First for the gents at 289 was Thom Arnold with Albert Foster next at 281 and Archie Ross 276 third. There was an unusual three way tie for fourth spot with Bruce Metcalf, Marcel Roussel and Kevin Maloney all at 229. Ida Young held the hidden score, Marcel Roussel won the card draw and Theresa Deak call 1 while Ida Young, Al McMullen, Pat Roussel and Theresa Deak took the moonshots.

Feb. 19 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Playing Howell top marks went to Helen Baker and Ross Fletcher 60 percent, Frank Schlotter and Lois Emmerson 57 percent, Reet Murray partnered with Carol Powadiuk 53 percent and Irena and Alex Zworski 52 percent.

Feb. 19 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: Shirley Howe reports that daughter Cathy Howe won for high hands, Arthur Forbes for lone hands and Lil Mann for both low hands and the special prize.

Feb. 21 Sunday Bid Euchre at Minden Community Centre: From Bev Johnson the news that Clare Obdam topped the charts at 307 then Betty Wagar 297 and Sharon Jarvis 282 while Sue Maxwell held the hidden score, Dave Demert won the card draw and Pat Roussel the call 1. Single moonshots landed on Ida Young, Tom Grix, Doug McIntosh, Theresa Deak, Bruce Metcalf, Pearl Cowen and Marcel Rossel with Sharon Jarvis taking two.

Feb. 22 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: The high scoring trio members were Dana Briscoe 306, Ida Young 290 and Hazel Benetin 266. Our reporter Rose Isaacson won the draw while moonshots landed on Dana Briscoe, Sam Gaudet, Hazel Benetin [thanks Hazel] and Dorothy McElwain.

Feb. 22 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: Please note that this event is being temporarily held at Minden United Church while St. Paul's renovations continue. Most lone hands honours went to Lyn Preston and Lil Mann with Pearl Cowen and Betty Sharpe posting the high scores. Betty also won the special prize while her husband and our reporter Tim claimed the afternoon's low score and had a chat with the skunk.

Feb. 22 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Sherin Brown reports that Shirley Howe won for high hands, Howard Smith for both lone hands and the special prize and Pearl Cowen for low hands. The group is much saddened by the passing of Nick Bokestyn in his 95th year. His familiar face and good humour will be much missed around the card table.

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Church chuckles for the week



The MINDEN CHURCH MOUSE heard Father Placid say... I guess you will smile or laugh!

A kindergarten teacher was walking around observing her classroom of children while they were drawing pictures. As she got to one girl who was working diligently, she asked what the drawing was. The girl replied, "I'm drawing God." The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like." Without looking up from her drawing, the girl replied, "They will know in a minute."

"The secret of a good homily is to have a good beginning and a good ending, and to have the two as close together as possible." - George Burns

A Sunday school teacher asked the children just before she dismissed them to go to church, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in the church?" Annie replied, "Because people are sleeping."

It was Palm Sunday but because of a sore throat, five-year-old Johnny stayed home from church with a sitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several fronds. Johnny asked them what they were for. "People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by," his father told him.

"Wouldn't you believe it," Johnny fumed, "the one Sunday I don't go and he shows up."

A preacher was completing a temperance sermon. With great expression he said, "If I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river!" The congregation nodded with their approval. With even greater emphasis he added, "And if I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river, too!" The people clapped and were saying "Amen." And when finally he concluded, "and if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take it and throw it into the river."

As he sat down, the song leader then stood up quite cautiously and announced - "For our closing song, let us sing Hymn # 365: Shall we Gather at the River."

Fr. Placid Obiji, Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church

Some upcoming March Church Community Events Include:

* March Sundays - 10:30 a.m. - Speaker Ron Mahler (Minden Bible Church)

* Wednesday, March 2, 9, 16 - 12 p.m. - Lenten Services followed by Soup and Sandwich Lunch - By Donation (Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church)

* Friday, March 4 - 2 p.m. - Ecumenical "World Day of Prayer" "Receive Children, Receive Me." - Refreshments - (Our Lady of Fatima Catholic)

* Tuesday, March 8 - 7:30 p.m. - Enviro-Café - Environment Haliburton Environmental Issues Community Discussion Group (Minden United Church)

* Thursday, March 10 - 12 p.m. - "Diner's Club" Seniors

Dinner - 705-754-1711 (Minden United)

* Thursday, March 17 - 5:30 p.m. - "Tribute to the Irish Evening" Beef Stew Dinner followed by "The Highlands Trio" Show (Adults \$25 Dinner and Show) 7 p.m. - "The Highlands Trio Show Only (\$15 Adults) (Minden United)

* Thursday, March 24 - 7 p.m. - Maundy Thursday Service (St. Paul's Anglican Church)

* Friday, March 25 - 10 a.m. - Good Friday Service (St. Paul's Anglican Church) 10:30 a.m. - Good Friday Service (Minden Bible Church)

* Sunday, March 27 - 10:30 a.m. - Easter Sunday Service Music by Dave and Marg Hinds, Pastor David Johnson speaking (Minden Bible Church) 10:30 a.m. - Easter Sunday Service (St. Paul's Anglican Church) 11 a.m. - Easter Sunday Service with "The Joyful Noisemakers" (Minden United Church)

The contents of this monthly column in the Minden Times are supplied by:

* Father Placid Obiji - Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church, 7 Bobcaygeon Rd. - 705-286-4117 (Mass Sunday 10:30 a.m.)

* Rev. Max Ward - Minden United Church, 21 Newcastle St. - 705-286-1470 (Sunday Services 11 a.m.)

* Pastor David Johnson - Minden Bible Church, 177 Bobcaygeon Rd. - 705-286-1338 (Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.)

* Rev. Joan Cavanaugh-Clark - St. Paul's Anglican Church, 19 Invergordon St. - 705-286-2541 (Sunday Services/Sunday School 10:30 a.m. with Holy Eucharist)

More than 800 attend Dorset Snowball

DORSET NEWS

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Kudos to all the volunteers, performers, participants and attendees who braved the wind, rain and icy roads to attend the 26th annual Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival! A great time was had by all even if everyone did get soaked. Organizers are very pleased with the numbers. Just over 800 Snowball buttons were sold at local businesses, at the gate and at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Only a couple of the events had to be cancelled because of conditions; the pony rides as the pony area was very icy, the three hockey events at the outdoor swimming pool, I mean rink, and the hot air balloon due to unpredictable high wind gusts.

The skating party held on Friday night was a grand success and the rain held off until the end of the event - thank you Mother Nature! Thanks to special helpers Wes and Jade for helping with the clean-up.

Congratulations to the LOB Holler Social Club on their first year of providing the Snowball pancake breakfast. It was

a great success with wonderful feedback on how fluffy the homemade buttermilk pancakes and tasty the bacon and sausages were. Just over 230 people were served.

The third Annual Snowball Cardboard Toboggan race was a success as well with 15 participants. In the ages six and under category, Amelia Moniz won best decorated and Diana Fox won both fastest and best distance. In the ages seven to 11 category, Jack Wilson won best decorated, Benjamin Thrasher won best distance and Aaron Roy won fastest. There were no entries in the ages 12+ or team categories. A big thank you to the OPP Minden detachment for coming out to help with a radar gun to read the speeds.

Congratulations to the organizers and volunteers for the Dorset Polar Plunge. Twenty-two people participated in the plunge and \$10,500 and counting was raised with proceeds benefiting the Dorset Community Health Care Hub. Winner of the best costume category was Bruce Kruger. Bruce was the official Snowball town crier and announced the opening of the plunge. Spontaneously and with no advance warning, Bruce, in his crier garb completed the first plunge. Winner of the most individual pledges went to Lee Burgess with an honourable mention to Michelle MacIsaac. Winner of the most group pledges went to Collin Rainey, Katie Olson and

NP Candice Bray who plunged together. A big thank you to the Dorset Volunteer Fire Fighters Association who provided safety support and to Old Mill Marina for providing the perfect location.

Many 2016 Snowball photos have been posted to www.dorsetsnowball.com (follow the link to the Gallery). If you have any photos or interesting Snowball stories to share, please email recreation@algonquinhighlands.ca or call the Dorset Rec Centre at 705-766-9968.

Balance, Strength and Fall Recovery yoga is taking place on Tuesdays (no class March 1) to the end of March at the Dorset Recreation Centre from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. and all are welcome. This class is suitable for all levels. For more information or to register, visit www.algonquinhighlands.ca or call 705-766-9968.

There is still a group from Dorset going on the bus to Casino Rama. The trip is the first Wednesday of the month. To sign up or find out more, call Shirley at 705-766-9347.

Birthday wishes for February 21 to 27 go out to Jon Davidson, John Keown, Sarah Jane Johnson, Jamie Hurley and Happy Anniversary to Gail and Ted Hope. If you have items or birthdays for the Dorset News, please send them along to malfano@hotmail.ca or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

Warm yourself at the Minden Legion



LEGION BR. 636

The long-range forecast for this weekend is more snow and -16 overnight. So come to Minden Legion Saturday, Feb. 27 and warm yourself and your friends with toe-tapping, and hand-clapping. We will be welcoming the classic country sounds of Gord Kidd and Friends from 1 to 4 p.m. There is no cover charge, so your donation to the band demonstrates your support and appreciation of local music. Come early and bring your appetite, as food will be available.

For the first time since November, members of the Legion will be able to attend a general meeting. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2, but come early as there have been several executive meetings to catch up on. Show your support for all the hard work that has happened since last year.

A different lunch special is featured every day at Minden Legion. On Thursdays you can phone ahead between 2 and 6 p.m. for the takeout menu, ready for your pickup at 6 p.m. Every Friday for both lunch and supper, the Legion features generous portions of fish 'n' chips, hand-battered and prepared fresh and hot when you order. For supper, the selections available also include onion rings and chicken wings. Try it this week, eat in or take out, you'll be pleasantly surprised at the quality and taste! Thank you for your support of your local Legion branch.

Volunteers are the lifeblood of the Legion, they serve lunches, prepare meals for special events and rentals, they serve on executive and perform dozens of tasks that keep the branch functioning. On Sunday afternoon, Ken K was the volunteer bartender as sports fans watched the NASCAR races. I couldn't help but notice the sign behind him which indicated he wasn't signed in when his name was drawn for the Pot 'o Gold. We retirees say it's too bad you have a regular job, Ken! I'm not supposed to divulge how much the pot was

worth, let's just say it was over three digits.

Last week I wrote about the 1943 Canadian Campaign in Italy, a book which I borrowed from Minden Legion's library in the clubroom. It's a well-written book, and I've been reading it with interest as my dad was one of those Canadians who fought in Sicily and Italy.

The Germans held the town of Leonforte, which was situated on a steep hill in central Sicily. The bridge across was demolished and the approaches swept by enemy gunfire, yet the Canadian troops managed to scramble down the steep ravine and climb the cliff on the other side. Under fire from tanks and machine guns on the rooftops, "a most fierce battle now began and there were desperate encounters in the darkened streets. Wireless communications failed and the hard-pressed [Canadian] battalion was unable to explain its need for anti-tank guns."

Lest we Forget their sacrifices, the surviving soldiers would be well into their 90s today.

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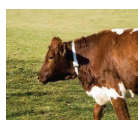
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Donna, Stacey, Jamie, Debbie
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*Our thoughts go wandering,
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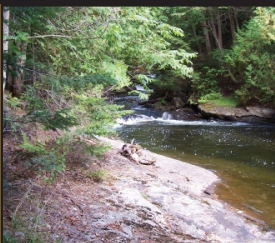


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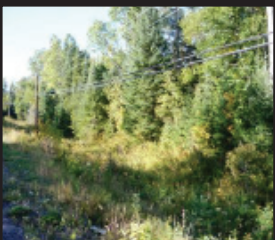
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